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OKADA et al.	**Art Unit 1732**
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on April 30, 2007, the period of response to which is set to expire on May 30, 2007. Applicants hereby elect the continued prosecution of the invention identified as Group II, and correspondingly recited in claims 4-6 and 9-10, without traverse.